

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING – FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION BODIES

This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

General updates on funding-related issues of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 is the Commission's regular Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding.

City: City Council

City Council received a briefing on Potomac Yard Transit, and provided some general direction regarding funding portions of the project.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

VDOT recently released a report which stated that there were large amounts of RSTP and CMAQ funds throughout the Commonwealth which were not spent and which could be reprogrammed to other projects.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

The Transportation Planning Board in their September 15, 2010 meeting was given a briefing about two grants they submitted in the summer. These were a TIGER II application for Bike Sharing, which Alexandria is one of the jurisdictions requesting funds, and a Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Sustainable Communities Planning grant.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board met on September 30, 2010 and agreed to increase the amount of

funds in the Potomac Yard Metrorail project to a level that will permit WMATA's consultant to produce an Environmental Impact Statement for the project..

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

The NVTC Board at its September meeting considered a recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring which proposes to combine NVTC, PRTC, and NVTa into one agency.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa)

No meetings of the full NVTa Board occurred in September. Alexandria staff provided NVTa with our proposed CMAQ and RSTP projects for FY2012 by September 24, 2010.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

None

Attachment 1: Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding